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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing because I would like to see your office settle its ongoing antitrust case against Microsoft. The matter has dragged on too long, and the current settlement agreement seems fair to all involved parties.

Rather than bowing down to pressures by competitors who are acting like crybabies, the Justice Department should recognize that the settlement promotes healthy competition and will allow Microsoft to focus on its business again, which is especially important given the currently depressed economy. The case continues to cost American taxpayers a lot of money with little result, and it is time to move on to more important problems.

The settlement really holds Microsoft's feet to the fire. Microsoft, in a first for any antitrust settlement, will release the internal interfaces to its Windows operating system. Microsoft will make available to competitors any protocols for native interoperation with any Windows server operating system. These are the keys to the kingdom, Attorney General Ashcroft. In order to get this case behind it, and get on, Microsoft agreed to these generous terms.

I am in favor of settling your office's suit against Microsoft. It will let everyone get back to business as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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